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## Sanborn Announces Committee Assignments

*Senator to Chair Economic Development Committee, Serve on Three More*

(LANSING) – Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, today announced he has been appointed by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema to Chair the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Affairs. He will also serve as a member of three additional standing committees: Banking and Financial Services; Families and Human Services; and Judiciary.

“I am pleased and honored at the level of confidence the Majority Leader is demonstrating by appointing me to four such important committees,” Sanborn said. “My staff and I are working very hard to identify the most pressing issues and legislation to be addressed by Economic Development in the coming months, and to ensure that I am up to speed on those issues that will be coming before the other three committees on which I will be serving.”

As chair of the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Affairs, Sanborn will be responsible for overseeing legislation that affects business and economic growth across the state, as well as the regulation of activities that affect communities and individuals statewide. Sanborn previously served as a member of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs, and was elevated to chair the newly restructured committee as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

“Senator Sanborn has clearly demonstrated the abilities and leadership to address the important issues with which his committees will be dealing in the new legislative session,” Sikkema, R-Wyoming, said. “I feel quite confident that Alan is the right man for these assignments.”

Sanborn, who came to the Senate in a 2001 special election, has served in the Legislature since his election to the House of Representatives in 1999.

Senate committees are expected to conduct organizational meetings beginning Tuesday Jan. 14.